

ROCK ISLAND ASKS BOLSHIEVIK FOR TRUCE

Robbers Loot Bank; Escape With \$12,000 in Cash

FREE TOWN UNDER HAIL OF BULLETS

Auto Bandits Battle Plainfield, Ill., Citizens in Making Getaway.

Joliet, Ill., July 12.—Five men in an automobile held up the Plainfield State bank, at Plainfield, Ill., at 10:15 o'clock. They secured \$12,000 and a large amount of Liberty bonds the amount of which has not yet been estimated. They escaped toward Chicago.

Five men, in a high powered touring car swept into Plainfield, five miles from here, shortly before noon today, entered the Plainfield State bank, locked officials of the bank in the cellar and robbed the institution of \$12,000 in cash and Liberty bonds. The bandits escaped after a rifle battle in Plainfield streets in which one man was wounded.

Imprison Bank Officials.

The touring car came silently into Plainfield shortly before 10 o'clock and drove up to the bank. Four men alighted, the fifth remaining at the wheel. A rifle was at his side. The others rushed into the bank and ordered President Avery Lambert, Cashier Clyde Wolfe and Bookkeeper Van Dyke to throw up their hands. Then they forced the bank officials into the cellar and locked the door, stationing a guard at the door.

The bandits then entered the cashier's cage and swept cash and Liberty bonds into a sack. They entered the vault and cleaned up loose currency in the strong box. They did not molest the safe deposit boxes.

Knocked Unconscious.

Orville Johnson, a farmer living near Plainfield, entered the bank while the robbers were looting the vault. The guard at the door struck Johnson over the head as he entered the bank and the man was knocked unconscious. He was dragged to the side and the looting went on.

After gathering their loot the bandits began the retreat from the bank. Three of them went out the front door and the fourth was attempting to leave, the door slammed shut, trapping him in the building. The man then leaped through a plate glass window to escape.

Escape Town Under Fire.

The crash of breaking glass attracted attention of Plainfield citizens. Floyd Worst, son of a deputy sheriff, rushed from the barber shop with a revolver. He fired one shot in the direction of the bandits' automobile and the men leaped into the machine training their rifles down the main street.

They then opened fire, bullets whining ceaselessly down the village street while pedestrians rushed to cover.

The bandits made no attempt to escape but continued the murderous fire for several minutes.

It is believed the bandits are headed in the direction of Yorkville or Aurora.

Plainfield this afternoon was recovering after the town had been shaken by what proved later to have been 10 armed bandits. Seven persons were wounded and the Plainfield State bank robbed of \$12,000 in cash and government bonds. The bandits, after sweeping the main street of the town with rifle fire, escaped. One of the bandits was wounded.

List of Wounded.

The wounded: Joseph Vincent, 30, shoe repairer, shot in chest.

John Bayles, 40, grocer, shot in chest and arm.

John Hahn, 60, wealthy retired farmer, shot in legs.

Edmund Madison, 8, shot in head.

Orville Johnson, slugged when he entered bank to deposit money during holdup.

Stewart Moore, 17, buckshot wounds about body.

Paul Walters, 17, buckshot wounds.

Assistance: Knocked Down. Moore and Walters were returning to Plainfield when they noticed an automobile in the ditch at the side of the road. When they went to offer assistance the bandits knocked them down and then fired at their prostrate bodies.

The machine was extricated from the ditch before posers arrived and the bandits continued their flight.

ROOSEVELT AND COX MEET FOR FIRST CONFAB

Demo Nominees in Ohio Capital; Harding and Cummins Confer.

(By United Press.)

Columbus, Ohio, July 12.—The standard bearers of the Democratic party, James M. Cox and Franklin D. Roosevelt, are to meet at the state capital here today for the first political conference of the campaign.

Because of the expressed eagerness of Governor Cox to begin an active campaign, it is expected that preliminary plans will be completed after a conference here this week. Several prominent Democrats, including Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee, will stop here returning from San Francisco.

Cox said today he expects to discuss campaign plans only in a general way with Roosevelt, but that features of his speech accepting the nomination may be considered. Roosevelt will arrive in Columbus shortly after noon. He will leave tonight for New York. The Ohio governor was expected here early this morning from Dayton. He will remain at the capitol until late in the week, when he will return to Dayton for the meeting with the national committee on July 20.

During his stay here Cox has stated that he expects to decide the date and place of the notification ceremonies.

Will Name "Dirt" Farmer.

Cox has made his first campaign pledge to a group of neighboring farmers. It is that a regular "dirt" farmer will be secretary of agriculture if he is elected.

Answering attacks being made on him by printing war editorials from his papers which political enemies declare had pacifist tendencies, Cox said he is willing to stand on his record as a war governor of Ohio.

Harding and Cummins Confer.

Marion, Ohio, July 12.—The attitude to be taken by the Republican party toward the railroad problem is to be considered at a conference today between Warren G. Harding and Senator Albert B. Cummings, Iowa, chairman of senate interstate commerce committee and co-author of the Esch-Cummings railroad act.

Organized labor will seek to defeat candidates for congress who supported the measure and are trying to secure a congress which will repeal the act and pass one providing for governmental operation and greater liberties for organized employees. Harding voted for the Cummings bill.

Besides the labor angle and the question of overhauling the nation's transportation system, will figure questions of financing improvements and developments sought by railroad operators and business interests.

The transportation question is also tied up with the high cost of living issue which will be among the foremost issues during the campaign.

The Republican candidate and Senator Cummings will go over these phases of the problem, considering how they are to figure in the acceptance speech.

Forced to Seclude Himself.

Senator Harding is being forced more and more to bar himself to visitors temporarily in order to speed up his work on his speech.

The question of abandoning the front porch campaign again bobbed up when Will Hays, national chairman, laid before Harding requests of party leaders that the nominee get out into the country.

After the conference, Harding and Harry M. Daugherty, his pre-convention manager, reaffirmed their desire to go through with the front porch plan.

Political leaders here today predicted that Ohio and Indiana will be the battle grounds of the campaign.

Raymond Romins of Chicago, former Progressive, is expected during the day. It is understood he plans to support Harding.

ASKS UNION OF EXPRESS FIRMS

Washington, July 12.—The American Railway Express company asked the interstate commerce commission today to authorize the consolidation of the express transportation business.

The consolidation would take in the Adams, American, Wells-Fargo and Southern express companies.

George T. Thomas, president of the American Express company, told the commission the express company needs \$31,000,000 to carry on the business. As a consolidated organization, they would have no trouble borrowing this amount but individual companies would have difficulty, he said.

G. O. P. HAS NO CINCH IN CALIFORNIA

Much Depends on Harding's Stand on the League of Nations.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

(Special to The Argus.)

Los Angeles, Calif., July 12.—History has an annoying way of repeating itself, especially in politics. And if Senator Harding isn't wary and Governor Cox alertly "scopos" his rival publisher on the situation in southern California, the eastern world may be tensely hanging over the telegraph tickers again on election night and watching the returns from Los Angeles county to tell whether California has gone Republican or Democratic.

For while eastern Republicans may profess joy over Senator Johnson's declaration that he will support the Republican ticket, they do not know as yet what the joker is in that statement. The truth is Senator Johnson confidently expects Senator Harding to interpret the Republican platform a repudiation of the treaty of Versailles, which contains the covenant of the League of Nations, and if the Republican candidate agrees with Johnson or if the California senator acts as spokesman out here for Harding on the League of Nations issue, the Republican managers back east may just as well put California in the doubtful column.

Carried by Hoover.

It must not be forgotten that Los Angeles county is ordinarily Republican, but that in the recent Hoover-Johnson primaries the former food administrator carried the southern section of the state with a campaign in favor of the League of Nations. Mr. Hoover's recent announcement supporting the candidacy of Senator Harding with a statement interpreting the Republican platform as looking toward the ratification of the peace treaty and covenant of the league with reservations helped to draw Republicans toward Harding, but they are wondering now whether the interpretation of Hoover or Johnson is a reflection of the views and intentions of the Republican candidate for the presidency.

They don't hesitate a moment here to vote the Democratic ticket if it appears that a progressive heads the ticket or if the moral side of a transcendent issue is with the Democrats. The women of California helped to turn the last election and they will figure largely in this contest, and such votes as they didn't turn were divided.

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SEVERAL DIE IN IRISH OUTBREAK

Numerous Outrages Occur Sunday in and Around Cork—Bomb Kills Officer.

Belfast, Ireland, July 12.—Numerous outrages occurred in and around Cork yesterday. Two sergeants were killed outright and another fatally wounded.

Dublin, July 12.—(United Press.)—One constabulary sergeant was killed and two other constables badly wounded when a bomb exploded at the Rathmore barracks today. A band of Sinn Feiners had previously attacked the barracks but were driven off.

Throughout Ireland there was a feeling of tense expectancy today, awaiting the outcome of Orange-men's celebration of the anniversary of the battle of the Boyne.

Additional troops were arriving constantly and were immediately sent to the parts where trouble was expected. Most trouble was feared at Londonderry.

Sir Edward Carson, Unionist leader in the British parliament, will be the principal speaker at a monster Unionist demonstration at Belfast today.

REPORT GREEKS KILL 1000 TURKS

London, July 12.—Details of the Greek victory over Turkish nationalists at Balkessra, Asia Minor, received by the Post today, included the statement that the Greeks had executed 1,000 Turkish prisoners on the ground they were bandits and therefore liable to execution under international law.

CIVIL WAR VET, LEADING FIGURE OF COUNTY, DIES

P. F. COX IS VICTIM OF STROKE

Pioneer Resident of County and War Veteran Dies Suddenly.

Pleasant F. Cox, prominent for many years in civic and social life of Rock Island and the surrounding community, died at his home, 1810 Twelfth street, at 11:30 today.

After many years of service to the city and county, and with an enviable record for service to his country in the Civil war, Pleasant F. Cox succumbed to apoplexy this noon, after having been seriously ill intermittently during the last year.

Mr. Cox was born in Port Byron on May 31, 1844, and having spent his youth in the upper end of the county, moved to Rock Island, at which place he has been one of the leading citizens for many of his more mature years.

He was in the army of the north during the Civil war and was a very active member of John Buford post, G. A. R. He served the county for two terms as county treasurer and has occupied many other posts of responsibility in the life of the community with distinction for his conscientious ability.

COAL MEN MEET TO HELP ROADS IN CAR DEARTH

Bituminous Supply Curtailed By Shortage of Rolling Stock.

(By United Press.)

Washington, July 12.—Leading bituminous coal operators of the country meet here today to consider means of cooperating with railroads to get the maximum open top car supply to the mines.

Coal can be mined, operators explained, only so fast as they get cars so that the problem of meeting the threatened shortage is really one of transportation.

One of the steps that may be urged by the meeting today is an extension of the interstate commerce commission's priority order giving all available open top cars to bituminous mines. This order expires late in July but the commission has already been asked to extend it.

The divisions of the problems that the operators will consider today are:

How to get a supply of coal sufficient to supply immediate and future needs of New England's factories.

How to transport to the upper lake regions coal enough to carry through the winter.

How to build up a reserve for the whole country sufficient to supply household, factory and public utility needs.

See Way Out.

While proposals have been put forward here for revival of the United States fuel administration, operators believe that the interstate commerce commission with its present powers and with the help of the operators, can handle the coal situation.

GIRL, 16, ENTERS WANDERER CASE

Police Reveal New Angle—Slayer, Confronted, Denies She Is Factor in Dual Murder.

Chicago, July 12.—Police today announced they were working on a theory which may establish that Carl Wanderer shot and killed his wife and hired a "robber" because of his interest in a 16-year-old girl.

When confronted with the girl in his cell, Wanderer, for the first time since his arrest, lost his composure momentarily, but firmly denied the girl was any factor in his desire to be free of his wife.

The girl, Julia Schmitt, told the police she had known Wanderer some time and had gone to an amusement park with him several times, but did not know he was married.

According to one of the latest of Wanderer's confessions, the \$1,500 which his wife drew from the bank two days before she was shot, was his own money. He had stated once before that he intended to steal the money and return to the army.

In all his previous statements Wanderer has maintained that he never had another sweetheart than the wife he confessed to have shot. The girl's connection with the case has been practically established.

The identification of the "hired robber" as John J. Maloney of River Point, R. I., was further supported today by John Welland, clerk at a hotel where Maloney had stayed three days just before he was slain and had registered under that name.

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WILL QUIZ DEMO CHIEF IN PROBE

National Committeeman to Be Questioned Concerning an "Alleged \$150,000 Fine."

St. Louis, Mo., July 12.—When the senate committee investigating presidential campaign expenditures reconvenes in St. Louis within the next few weeks, Edward F. Goltra, Democratic national committeeman from Missouri, will be closely questioned concerning the part he played in having an alleged \$150,000 fine assessed against the Hostetter Bitters company of Pittsburgh re-imposed.

The committee, according to a member of the investigating body, is anxious to know whether the interest Goltra displayed in the campaign to nominate Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer for president at the Democratic convention can be traced in any way to the fact that the investigating general's office, at the time the fine was remitted, sustained such an opinion to the effect that should the case be reopened it was doubtful if the government would win.

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VILLA IS BOTTLED UP, SAYS REPORT

Mexico City, July 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—General Joaquin Amaro has Francisco Villa, revolutionary leader in the state of Chihuahua, bottled up following an encounter near Parral, General P. Elias Calles, the war minister, announced today.

ROSS IS ELECTED FOR PRESIDENCY OF STATE TYPOS.

Champaign, Ill., July 12.—John V. Ross of Champaign was elected president of the Illinois Typographical union Sunday. Other officers named are J. E. Donaldson, Chicago, first vice president; J. W. Andrews, Springfield, second vice president; H. C. Maddox, Alton, secretary-treasurer. C. H. Curtis, Aurora; A. F. Woods, Jacksonville, and Edward Koch, Belleville, were elected trustees.

Jacksonville was chosen for next year's convention city.

IOWA DOES MUCH UNITING SCHOOLS

N. E. A. Staff Special.

Des Moines.—Consolidated rural schools have captured Iowa. Ninety-four counties out of the 99 in that state have at least one consolidated rural school, and Beaumont county has closed all of its one-room schools.

Iowa has 400 consolidated schools, with buildings ranging in price from \$30,000 to \$300,000, and with an enrollment of more than 20,000 students, 10,000 of which are in high schools. The state has closed 2,000 one-room rural schools.

Labor and "48s" Merger Near as Union of Third Party Factions Goes On

Chicago, July 12.—Work on amalgamating the various elements assembled here for the formation of a new party continued behind closed doors this morning, while the conventions of the Committee of 48, and the National Labor party marked time.

Everything appeared to be proceeding on schedule with the single note of excitement provided by a platform over the Irish question.

The negro question was brought before the convention by Rev. W. R. Ragsdale, a colored minister of Detroit, Mich.

Union Recommended.

Amalgamation of the Labor party of the United States, and the committee of 48 in a new political movement with a single party name, one platform and one presidential ticket are included in the recommendations submitted to the labor and "48s" conventions, when they reconvened today.

Senator Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, remained the most talked of candidate in the presidential race. The terms of the proposed combine are understood by the party leaders to meet his views as expressed last week to Amos Pinchot and George L. Record, leading Forty-eighters who called on the senator to ask if he would accept the nomination should it be tendered him.

Objections Ironed Out.

Conference committees appointed yesterday by the Labor convention and Saturday by the Forty-eighters smoothed out objections to amalgamation in protracted sessions last night and adopted a series of recommendations to be offered to the two conventions today.

The recommendations, if approved today, as the leaders confidently expect, mean that the two conventions will preserve their separate identity and continue to function in separate sessions, with sub-committees reporting identical measures to each for discussion and action.

What reception the amalgamation proposal will receive from other liberal and radical groups now meeting here only time show. The Single-Tax party, also in national convention assembled, is divided, according to expressions of various leaders, on the availability of Senator La Follette as presidential nominee.

One group of Single-Taxers has announced that it will bolt the proposed combine rather than stand for La Follette, while another faction has declared it will accept any presidential nominee so long as a Single-Tax plank is incorporated in the platform.

If Senator La Follette wants the third party nomination he can have it, both Forty-eighters and Laborites agree.

Frank P. Walsh, Kansas City, Charles H. Ingersoll, watch manufacturer, and Henry Ford have been mentioned for the nomination, but there is no apparent concerted action for anyone of them. Walsh is also being discussed for vice president.

Yesterday was given over to the opening session of the Labor convention with delegates from 60 trade union groups and other organizations represented. The Forty-eighters and Single-Taxers, whose conventions opened Saturday, had recessed for the day and practically their entire membership attended the Labor convention, many participating as active delegates.

Fuzzled Over a Name.

The committees in conference over the amalgamation proposals found the selection of a name for their new political party to be more than a minor problem. Combinations upon the word "Labor" were in disfavor among the Committee of 48 representatives, but "American Party" was presented by several spokesmen. "The Union Party" was likewise a title presented, but no decision was reached.

Amalgamation proposals halted real work in platform committees of all gatherings, since they involved an arrangement for direct cooperation between all groups concerned. The conference also considered a proposal to bring all of the delegates assembled in the two conventions into a single session for platform adoption and presidential combinations.

Assault Press.

Miss Maude McCreary, of the Federated Press, advised the Labor party members to cease buying or supporting the "capitalistic press." She charged the Associated Press "garbed its stories or sent out plain lies about what we are trying to do."

SEAMEN PLAN REPRISALS.

Genoa, July 11.—Delegates to the international seamen's congress are threatening reprisals against countries whose votes defeated the convention establishing a 48-hour week. A merchant marine strike may be organized affecting these countries according to views expressed by delegates here.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday, probably with thunder showers. Not much change in temperature.

Highest temperature yesterday, 82; lowest last night, 67. Wind velocity, 4 miles per hour. Precipitation, none.

12 m. 7 p.m. 7 a.m. Dry bulb temp. 78 79 70 Wet bulb temp. 65 66 64 Relative humidity 49 50 73 Rain 48 hours. 2.3, a rise of 2 in last 48 hours.

River Forecast.

Only slight changes in the Mississippi will occur from below Dubuque to Muscatine.

J. M. SHERRER, Meteorologist.

ALLIES AND FOCH READY TO STEP IN

Report Refusal by Moscow on Armistice Will Bring Intervention.

(By United Press.)

Spa, Belgium, July 12.—Polish Premier Grabki, here attending the council of premiers, today telegraphed General Pilsudski at Warsaw to open negotiations immediately for an armistice with the bolsheviks.

Marshal Foch has been instructed to mobilize available allied forces for possible intervention between the Poles and bolsheviks in event the Moscow government refuses to accept the proposal of the conference here for an armistice, it was learned on good authority today. Should the red forces continue their advance into Poland the allies will give every aid to the Polish troops behind the armistice line fixed by the peace treaty.

Allied military assistance to Poland hinged on whether the soviet armies would withdraw to this line or continue their progress toward Warsaw. Belief prevailed here the Moscow government would order the red troops to halt at the Polish boundary.

Polish Front Crumbles.

Polish Premier Grabki, who made a strong appeal to the allies for such action, admitted that Polish resistance on the left, center and right had broken down, and that it was a question of but a short time before the soviet armies might take Warsaw. The allied armistice proposal was the result of Grabki's appeal for aid.

The conference here will take no further action in the Polish situation until a reply has been received from the Moscow government.

Allies Offer Support.

Spa, Belgium, July 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—If the Poles consent to retire within the natural frontiers of Poland the allies will give them all possible assistance in the event of their being attacked by the bolsheviks. This announcement was made here yesterday.

The allies have sent a proposal to the Russian soviet government for an armistice with Poland on condition that the Poles retire within their natural Polish frontier. It is set forth that the armistice will be followed by a conference of representatives of all the countries on the Russian border and that, if the bolsheviks attack the Poles within their frontiers, the allies will come to the aid of Poland.

Disatisfied But Will Accept.

The Polish delegation at the conference here is understood to be very much dissatisfied with the terms of the allied note to the Russian soviet government, proposing an armistice between the bolshevik and Polish armies. They feel, however, that they will be obliged to accept it.

(Sunday's dispatches announced the sending of a proposal by the allies to the Moscow government for an armistice with Poland on condition that the Poles retire within a natural Polish frontier. It was set forth that the armistice would be followed by a conference of representatives of all the countries on the Russian border, and that if the bolsheviks attacked the Poles within these frontiers the allies would come to the aid of Poland.)

THREE LOST AS VESSELS CRASH

Coast Steamer Lake Frampton Goes Down Off Atlantic City After Collision.

New York, July 12.—The steamship Lake Frampton, owned by the United States shipping board, bound from New York to Norfolk, was sunk early today off Atlantic City, N. J., after it had collided with the steamship Comus, according to wireless messages reported to the naval communications office.

The Comus also was damaged. Three of the crew of the Lake Frampton are missing.

The Comus later reported by wireless that Captain Powers and the surviving members of the crew of the Lake Frampton were on board.

The Comus apparently suffered little damage as she notified the coast guard that assistance was not needed.

HANDCAR HITS FREIGHT; 2 DIE

Chicago, July 12.—Two men were killed and a third injured when a handcar on which the three, employed as signal repairmen for the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railroad, were riding, crashed into a freight car loaded with pig iron last night.

The dead are: JOHN RIPPING, Joliet, Ill. LAWRENCE NOWAK, Griffith, Ind.

The injured: JOSEPH KODAT, Carbondale, Ill. Kodat was injured so seriously that he cannot answer questions and no details of the accident are available.

ROCK ISLAND CLUB TO INCREASE DUES

Meeting to amend the by-laws providing for an increase in dues from \$25 to \$48 per year for members of the Rock Island club has been called for 8 o'clock Tuesday evening at the club. The provision to amend the by-laws on dues was made at the meeting held June 3. Cards have been sent to all members, urging full membership.

Excelsior.

Paris, July 12.—The city of Paris will officially receive Kyren T. Harrell as representative of the United States Chamber of Commerce, at the Hotel Berlin the latter part of July, it was announced today.